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## **Picatinny, General Dynamics Land Systems Become Partners**

Picatinny Arsenal, N.J. – The Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC) and General Dynamics Combat Systems Group which includes Land Systems (GDLS), Armament and Technical Products (GD ATP), and Ordnance and Tactical Systems (GD OTS) have strategically joined together and will partner in the advancement of technologies for future military projects in support of the Army's Transformation, the military base located at Picatinny Arsenal announced today. This formal relationship is the result of a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) signed by GDLS, GD ATP, GD OTS and Picatinny Arsenal on 11 April 2003.

The CRADA is a vehicle that allows ARDEC and the GD Combat Systems companies to collaborate regularly on new and innovative technologies that will make future armament systems lighter, more precise, more lethal, and easier to deploy and support logistically. The partners will collaborate to develop technologies that will have application to the Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT), Future Combat Systems (FCS), supporting Science and Technology (S&T) programs, and the Objective Force. Spin-off applications to the commercial sector and other future military weapons may also be developed.

CRADA partnerships are based upon open government/industry communication in an integrated team approach to program management. ARDEC strongly promotes teaming arrangements with industry since they spur rapid growth in the technology base and in the technological capabilities of the Army, and encourage the development of small and medium-sized enterprises as well.

This approach allows both ARDEC and the GD Combat Systems companies' employees to work together to leverage expertise, jointly identify the mission, goals, and objectives of the program; set milestones; and work side-by-side to achieve success for the soldiers' ultimate benefit.

ARDEC and General Dynamics are committed to providing America's soldiers with new and better equipment that enables them to carry out their missions more rapidly, effectively and in a safe manner.

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Collaborative efforts covered under this agreement focus on lethality, digital fire control, integrating the chassis with the armament system, robotics, logistics and power management.

Picatinny Arsenal, which provides the Army with over 95% of its lethality, is poised to meet the needs of the warfighter in the coming century. General Dynamics, headquartered in Falls Church, Virginia, with over 56,000 employees worldwide and a leader in land and amphibious combat systems will be a partner in this endeavor. This association strengthens both organization's commitment to the ultimate customer - the soldier, and helps to create a strong, united voice for our Nation's defense.